

Groundbreaking Slated for Skills Center

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HISTORIC DOCUMENT ... A chart tracing the history of the ownership of the Del Amo Financial Center site from the King of Spain to the present day is presented to D. Loring Marlett (right), vice president and general manager of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., co-developers of the center. Making the presentation is Ernest J. Billman, chairman of the board of Security Title Insurance Co.

Dedication of Financial Center Due Wednesday

Rising from land that was once acquired for \$1, Del Amo Financial Center will be dedicated at ceremonies Wednesday marking the completion of the first phase of a planned \$30 million office building complex which will form a new downtown "core" for the booming Southwest.

The center is located on a 30-acre site at the northwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street.

The morning's activities will start with a continental breakfast at 9, to be followed by a brief program at 10 and a tour of the center. The public is invited.

PLATFORM guests will include Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) and Robert Beverly (R-Manhattan Beach), County Supervisors Burton Chace and Kenneth Hahn, and Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance.

Other program participants will include Arnold E. Larsen, regional controller of the currency; James Hall, superintendent of banks, State Banking Department; Preston Martin, state savings and loan commissioner; Elliot J. Swan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; and L. E. Woodford, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Also on the platform will be Joseph G. Solari, president of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., New York, parent company of the center's co-developer, Great Lakes Properties, Inc.

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\$2.5 Million Issued in Building Permits Here

Building permits issued by the city's Building and Safety Department in August were valued at slightly more than \$2.5 million, increasing the total value of permits for the year to nearly \$20 million.

John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety, said 247 permits were issued during August. Their combined value was placed at \$2,544,515.

The largest category of permits was issued for new apartment units. A total of seven permits, providing for 90 new units, had a value of \$1,165,410, McKinnon said.

Press-Herald Salutes Center

The Press-Herald will salute the Del Amo Financial Center with the publication Wednesday of a special supplement.

Official dedication ceremonies for the first phase of the \$30 million development are scheduled at 9 a.m. and the public has been invited to attend and tour the Financial Center.

The special Press-Herald supplement will be included in the regular editions of the newspaper.

meandering walks, bridges, and blue lagoons complement the concrete and glass structures to give Del Amo Financial Center a character and charm unique in office building design.

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Suspect Arraigned in Police Officer's Death

Oct. 6 Ceremony Will Mark Start

Dr. John T. Mendel, manager of Hughes Aircraft's Electronics Division in Torrance, will serve as chairman for the groundbreaking ceremonies of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center Oct. 6, it was announced today by Dr. Wayne Butterbaugh, superintendent of the center.

Burglars Hit Four Area Houses

Guns, jewelry, and other items valued at more than \$2,800 were reported stolen Friday in a series of four burglaries in the North Torrance area, police reported.

Police said the first report was filed about 1 p.m. Friday when Robert A. Meyers, 27, of 3434 W. Artesia Blvd., reported the loss of goods valued at \$467.

Meyers said two hand guns, a 22-caliber rifle, and a 30.06 rifle were taken from his home, along with several savings bonds, a watch, and a guitar amplifier. He told police he had left about 7 a.m. and returned when he was called while at work and told of a possible burglary.

SIMILAR items were taken from Charles Bearden, 25, of 4516 W. Artesia Blvd. Bearden told police the theft occurred between 4 p.m. Thursday and 4 p.m. Friday.

He said two hand guns, a 30.30 rifle, a shortwave radio, and a color television set were taken. Bearden estimated the loss at \$1,100.

The third report came from Louis N. Matcovich, 57, of 17410 Kornblum, about 6:30 p.m. Friday.

A **FUR** stole and jewelry were taken from the Matcovich home sometime between 4 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, it was reported. The burglar gained open a rear window to print entry. The loss was placed at \$516.

Jewelry and clothing were taken from the home of Emily Wogberg, 26, at 3843 W. Artesia Blvd. She reported the theft about 7 p.m. Friday.



20-YEAR PIN ... Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, presents a 20-year pin to Mrs. Ruby Clere, a teacher at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School. Mrs. Clere was one of 23 employees honored for service to the school district since its formation 20 years ago during an Employee Recognition Breakfast. Dr. Hull also received a 20-year pin.

Veteran School Employees Cited

Veteran employees of the Torrance Unified School District were honored last Tuesday morning at the district's first 20-Year Recognition Breakfast. A total of 138 employees were saluted.

Special recognition went to 23 employees who have been with the Torrance schools since the district was organized in 1947, including Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Highlight of the event was a recapitulation by Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of personnel, of events leading to the district's formation in 1947.

IN ADDITION to Dr. Hull two other district administrators received 20-year pins. They were Dr. Morton and Dr. Albert N. Fosner, assistant superintendent for educational services.

Other 20-year employees included: Mrs. Fannie Beasley, Mrs. Ruby Clere, Jennings Davidson, Lester Foster, D. Boone Kirks, George Marich, Miss Molly Marshall, Miss Olive Marshall, Mrs. Lynn Shidler, Mrs. Edna Wright, Mrs. Emily Young, George Zavislan, Mrs. Mildred Hanger, Howard Clark, Charles Conze, Robert Cosby, Robert Fulton, Peter Dodos, Mrs. Lilian Couron, and Mrs. L. Verne Pearson.

Ten-year pins were awarded to: Mrs. Lenora G. Anderson, Mrs. Beverly H. Annis, Mrs. Marion D. Benike, Mrs. Margaret M. Bereskin, Mrs. Jessie R. Bickers, Willard Boerger, Richard Brown Jr., Robert E. Canida, Mrs. Evelyn P. Carr, Mrs. Jean T. Carter and Mrs. Muriel D. Cassidy.

OTHER 10-year employees included: Howard L. Cole

Hearing Set for Sept. 26

The man accused of killing Torrance Police Officer David N. Seibert last Aug. 10 was returned to Torrance Wednesday and arraigned on the charge before South Bay Municipal Court Judge George R. Perkovich.

Jerry Lee O'Brien, 34, of 10946 Hortense Ave., North Hollywood, was arraigned on charges of murdering a police officer, assault with intent to commit murder, and robbery.

Judge Perkovich ordered him held without bail after setting Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. for a preliminary hearing.

THE PUBLIC defender's office was appointed to represent O'Brien at the preliminary hearing.

O'Brien was taken to the courtroom in a wheelchair shortly after he was returned here from Tooele County Hospital in Tooele, Utah. He had been in the hospital there since he was injured in an auto crash Aug. 25.

Detectives Myles Hamilton and James Farrar of the Torrance Police Department flew to Utah to escort O'Brien back to this city. They returned about noon Wednesday following a two-hour flight from Salt Lake City, Utah.

MEANWHILE, a second man wanted in connection with the robbery and murder of Officer Seibert, Bartholomew James Blackburn Jr., 32, has been arrested in Milwaukee, Wis.

Blackburn was apprehended in Milwaukee Friday, although Torrance police have never issued a warrant for him. Police in that city were asked to launch a search when it was reported he had relatives in the Milwaukee area.

Blackburn was reported to have shared an apartment with O'Brien and is wanted by Torrance police for questioning.

Council, Board to Meet

Both the Torrance Board of Education and the City Council will hold regular meetings this week. School trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the district's administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. Councilmen are scheduled to convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for their session.

School to Be Dedicated

Sam Levy Elementary School, 3420 W. 229th Place will be dedicated Tuesday in ceremonies to be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Sam Levy, widow of the pioneer Torrance businessman, and her daughters, Mrs. Edward L. Schwartz and Mrs. Harold Green, will be guests of honor. Bert M. Lynn, president of the Torrance Board of Education, will dedicate the school following a presentation by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. Others who will participate in the ceremonies will include Rabbi Jerome Unger of Temple Menorah; Boy Scout Troop 906; Dr. William Forrest, principal; and city officials.

Two Torrance Marines Die

Two Torrance Marines have been killed in Vietnam combat it has been reported. Lance Cpl. Stephen L. Grant, a graduate of North High School, was killed Sept. 6. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Grant, Palos Verdes. Corporal Grant died of gunshot wounds in the head and body. Lance Cpl. David L. Reasoner was reported killed Friday. His wife, Leslie, resides at 4735 Cadison St. No details of his death were reported.

CHARTER COMMITTEE TOLD

Voters Should Select City Clerk, Treasurer

The city clerk and city treasurer should be elected by Torrance voters as now provided by law and the city attorney should continue to be appointed, members of the charter review committee were told by incumbents in those posts this week.

Appearing before the committee Wednesday night were City Clerk Vernon W. Coil, City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert, and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer. Coil and Rupert hold elective offices; Remelmeyer is an appointed officer.

Each told committee members the present system should be maintained. Speaking from a prepared statement, Rupert said the

matter of electing a city treasurer was one of public interest.

"Public trust is an important factor in government and should not be delegated to an obviously vulnerable appointee," Rupert said. He warned that the two offices of treasurer and finance director were incompatible and against public interest.

Both Rupert as the city treasurer and Coil as the city clerk suggested that stricter qualifications might be required for candidates for either office. That should reduce the fear that an unqualified person might be elected to the office, the committee was told.

Coil suggested that appointed officers are subject to the

control of the appointing authority — in this case the city manager — and that the public was deprived of the checks and balances offered by elected officials.

While no specific courses are offered, Coil said a college degree might be required of candidates for the clerk's post at any election.

City Attorney Remelmeyer, speaking on the team concept of city government, indicated the city attorney should be part of the management team and thus appointive.

The charter review committee, under the chairmanship of attorney Larry Bowman, is racing a Nov. 1 deadline for its report to the City Council.